

Mr. Ridgely delivers a bill, entitled, An act to permit William Gibbons, a free man of colour, to emigrate and remove into this state; which was read.

Mr. Lecompte from the committee delivers the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Zadock Harvey, of Dorchester county, an old soldier, praying an increase of the sum annually allowed him by the legislature as a further remuneration for his services during the revolutionary war, in consideration of those services and his age, poverty, and infirmity; your committee know of no circumstances in the case of the petitioner that would discriminate it from that of numerous other old soldiers, so as to justify this house to grant the prayer of the petitioner, without increasing at the same time the compensation allowed to them. Your committee are not prepared to recommend a general increase of the annual donations to old soldiers; they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

M. LATIMER, Clk.

Which was read.

On motion by Mr. Kell, the question was put, That the house reconsider the order relative to night sessions? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Kell, the question was then put, That the words "or bills which are not of general operation throughout the state," be added to the order? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house adopt the order as amended? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill annulling the marriage of Robert Young, and Elizabeth Young, of Cecil county, and on motion by Mr. Cresap, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be referred to the next general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill to authorise the raising a sum of money by lottery to aid in erecting a church in Charles county, was read the second time by special order and passed.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of John C. Reeves of Charles county. Ordered, That Messrs. Stoddert, Posey and Hatt, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Duvall delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to make public an old road leading from South river church to intersect the Annapolis road to South river; which was read.

On motion by Mr. R. K. Watts, the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 22, 1817.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

Believing that the business of the session may be closed by the 30th instant, we propose, with the concurrence of your honourable body, to adjourn on that day.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

The bill authorising the justices of the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to lease to Joseph J. Hopkins and Gerard R. Cowman part of a lot or parcel of land therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

The house adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 23, 1817.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill authorising the justices of the levy court of Anne Arundel county to lease to Joseph J. Hopkins and Gerard R. Cowman part of a lot or parcel of land therein mentioned; the bill to authorise the raising a sum of money by lottery to aid in erecting a church in Charles county; the bill to lay out and make public a road in Prince-George's and Anne-Arundel counties; the bill to lay out and make public a road in Harford county; the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the river Susquehanna through Charles-town to the Elkton and Christiana turnpike; the bill authorising the connecting of Water-street with King George-street at Jones's Falls in the city of Baltimore; the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to alter and change the name of Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, to Hager's town, and to incorporate the same; the supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money for certain purposes therein mentioned; the bill authorising the sale or leasing of the poor house and ground belonging thereto in Baltimore county, and to provide for building a new one; the bill for the benefit of persons hiring or renting stoves in the city and precincts of Baltimore; the resolutions in favour of Solomon Summers, Elisha Browne, and John Norris, were sent to the senate.

The report on the petition of John Newman, a revolutionary soldier, was read the second time, concurred in, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate.

The resolutions relative to the treasurer of the western shore directing the treasurer of the eastern shore, and other persons entrusted with the receipt of public monies, what description of money will be received by the state, and also directing the treasurer of the eastern to be credited in his account with the treasurer of the western shore with the sum of four thousand two hundred dollars and thirteen cents, were read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Kell delivers petitions from William Robinson and John Howard, of the city of Baltimore, praying special acts of insolvency, which were severally read and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to sheriffs, and for other purposes, was read the second time and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

The engrossed bills No 1 to 50, inclusive, were read, assented to, and sent to the senate.

The bill from the senate, entitled, An act to alter, change and repeal, all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as relate to the division of Washington county into election districts, was read the second time, and the question put, Shall the said bill pass? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Mr Speaker
H Watts
Blakistone

Ringgold
Horrell
Blake

Posey
Hambleton
Hands

F M Hall
Semmes
Handy

Howard
Driver
Watkins

R K Watts
Washington
Cresap